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PROPOSALS

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Offer'd to the Conſideration of the Honourable Houſe of Commons, *for Raiſing Forty Thouſand Pounds, or upwards,* per Annum, *by laying Additional Duties on all* Foreign Papers *and* Paſtboards *Imported, and on all Sorts of* Papers, *and* Paſtboards, *call'd* Mill'd-Boards, *made in* Great-Britain.

I. THAT by Proportioning the ſeveral Additional Rates, or Duties, on each particular Sort of Fine Papers, according to the Quantities Imported, the Duty will be Certain, and prevent the Importer from ſcreening, or ſaving to himſelf, great Part of the Duty, which they too often do, by Papers unrated, or Charg'd *ad Valorem.*

II. THAT by laying the aforeſaid Duties, there can be no Loſs, or Damage, to the Maker, Importer, Stationer, or Retailer, the Charge lying only on the laſt Buyer.

III. THAT the Raiſing, or Collecting of this Duty, can be but a very ſmall Charge to the Government; it being already ſettled under the preſent Management of the Commiſſioners of Her Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

IV. THAT on all other Foreign Papers Imported, and on all *French* Papers, taken as Prize, be laid Twenty Five Pounds, for every Hundred Pounds Value; as in caſe where Goods pay the Subſidy of Poundage, and other Duties, *ad Valorem,* upon the Importation thereof, over and above the preſent Duties.

V. THAT 'tis rationally computed, that there is Annually Imported into *Great-Britain,* upwards of One Hundred and Twenty Thouſand Reams of Paper; as appears by the Obſervation of the Entries, which have been exactly inſpected into, for ſeveral Years laſt paſt.

VI. THAT the *Britiſh* Paper-Makers generally allow there are in *Great-Britain* Two Hundred Paper-Mills; Fifty of which are preſum'd to have each Two Fats, and the Workmen make Eight Reams at each Fat *per Diem,* allowing Two Hundred and Sixty Five Working Days in the Year; wherein, by the beſt Computation can be obtain'd; they cannot make leſs than Five Hundred and Thirty Thouſand Reams *per Annum.*

VII. THAT a Duty of Twenty Five Pounds for every One Hundred Pounds of the true and real Value of the ſaid *Britiſh* Paper, and Paſtboards, commonly call'd Mill'd-Boards, be paid to Her Majeſty for ſuch Term, and in ſuch Manner, as this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit.

VIII. THAT 'tis humbly conceiv'd, the aforeſaid Duty may be rais'd, and Collected, with little Charge to the Crown; by adding a ſmall Number of Officers, properly Inſtructed, under the Management of Her Majeſty's Commiſſioners of Exciſe.

IX. THE Propoſers can fully demonſtrate, that the Deficiencies of the Duties laid on Foreign and *Engliſh* Papers, by an Act of the Eighth and Ninth Years of King *William* the Third, were occaſion'd by Imploying Perſons both in Aſſeſſing, and Collecting the ſaid Duties, who were very Unskilful in that Manufacture: And they are fully ſatisfy'd, that if proper Perſons were Imploy'd on that Account, at Her Majeſty's Cuſtom Houſe in *London,* the Duties on Foreign Papers might be very much Improv'd. For whereas ſome Imperial Papers, ſold at Five Pounds *per* Ream, pay no greater Duty than Royals of leſs than half that Value: And many valuable Papers, being term'd Unrated, or Charg'd, *ad Valorem,* by the Book of Rates, pay but Ten Pence *per* Ream, which ſhould be Rated at treble that Sum: Your Propoſers have a Scheme to offer to this Honourable Houſe, by which the Cuſtom-Officers, at all Her Majeſty's Ports, may readily underſtand all the ſeveral Sorts of Papers Imported, and the Duties they are to pay to the Government. They have likewiſe a Scheme for Directing the Collectors of Her Majeſty's Duty of Exciſe; whereby they may eaſily know all Sorts of Papers, and Paſtboards, made in *Great-Britain,* and the Duties to be Aſſeſs'd thereon.

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X. THE Propoſers farther Repreſent, That there were ſeveral Letters about the Beginning of the laſt Year, ſent from Merchants in *Holland*, to their Correſpondents in *London*, intimating that the States had then under their Conſideration, the laying a Duty on Paper: And advertis'd, that if the Dealers therein, could procure the ſaid Tax to be deferr'd for that Year; they were apprehenſive that the urgent Occaſion for Supplies, would ſoon oblige them to it. Whereupon the Propoſers hereof, conceive this to be the fitteſt Opportunity for Laying this Duty in *Great-Britain:* Which if this Honourable Houſe ſhall think fit to do; the Propoſers humbly Requeſt, that ſuch Poſt in the Management of the ſaid Duty, as they may be qualify'd to perform, may be conferr'd upon them.

Additional Duties on Foreign Papers *Imported.*

Sorts *per Annum.*	*Number of Reams.*		*Value* per *Ream.* s. d.		*Total of Pounds*
Atlas Fine Dutch,	50		20		50
Ditto Ordinary,	50		10		25
Imperial Fine,	500		20		500
Super Royal, Ditto,	700		15		525
Royal, Ditto,	2000		10		1000
Medium, Ditto,	2000		7	6	750
Demies, Ditto,	4000		5		1000
Ditto Second,	3000		3		450
Demies Printing,	10000		2		1000
Fine Holland Royal,	2000		4		400
Ditto Second,	2000		2	6	250
Blue Royal,	1000		2	6	125
Painted Paper,	500		10		250
Cartridge Paper,	2000		2		200
Elephant Fine,	500		10		250
Ditto Ordinary,	500		4		100
Fine Large Poſt,	6000		3		900
Fine Fools Cap,	6000		2	6	750
Second Ditto,	6000		2		600
Baſtard, or Double Copy,	2000		2		200
Chancery Double,	2000		2		200
Superfine Pot,	20000		2		2000
Second Ditto,	20000		1	6	1500
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Genoa, German, and French Prize Papers,	30000	*at* 5 *s.* per *Ream*	*at* 25 *l.* per Cent.	*amounts to*	1875
Britiſh Papers,	530000	*at* 4 *s.* per *Ream*	*at* 25 *l.* per Cent.	*amounts to*	26500
					41400

Humbly propos'd by *Richard Parker*, and Partner.

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